

In re new U.S. patent application of:
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Claim 15, lines 1-2, delete "one or more of claims 11 to 14" and substitute therefor --claim 11--.

Claim 16, lines 1-2, delete "one or more of claims 11 to 15" and substitute therefor --claim 11--.

Please cancel Claims 17-22 and add the following new Claims 23-27.

-- 23. A process for using the reaction product of an alkaline silicate and an acidic polycarboxylate, said process comprising combining said product with at least one component selected from the group consisting of surfactant, bleach, washing alkali, dispersant, enzyme, builder, polyelectrolyte and sodium tripolyphosphate.

24. The process of Claim 23 wherein said combining is a dry mixing process.

25. A laundry detergent made by the process of Claim 23.

26. A cleaning detergent made by the process of Claim 23.

27. A dishwashing detergent made by the process of Claim 23. --

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete the improper multiple dependent claims so as to reduce the application fees, and to place the application in condition for allowance. An early allowance is respectfully requested.

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